

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

February 27, 2019

VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached
Monday—Friday, 8:00am—5:00pm at
785-296-5592.



CHIEF CHAT

The 2019 Kansas Immunization conference will be here soon. We are pleased to announce this year's theme will be "*Vaccines Cause Adults.*" Make your plans now to be in Salina June 11—13, 2019!

The 2019—2020 daycare and school entry vaccine requirements were sent to our listserv last week and have also been posted on our [School Requirements webpage](#). As noted in the Special Alert email dated February 21, 2019, there are two provisional requirements listed on the K-12 memo. K.A.R. 28-1-20 is currently in the final stages of revision which is expected to be finalized prior to the start of the school year. In addition to previous requirements, the revised regulation will require vaccination against hepatitis A (already a daycare requirement) and will require meningococcal (Serotype A,C,W,Y) for entry into 7th and 11th grades.

As we heard concerns about full implementation challenges particularly related to the hepatitis A requirement, we responded with a second special alert sent on February 25, 2019 to provide a [graduated implementation plan](#). It is our hope that this implementation plan will better meet your needs and ability to successfully assure

compliance in the least disruptive manner.

Current frequently asked questions, Kansas Certificate of Immunizations and other tools are being updated to reflect the current requirements and will be posted soon. If you have questions, please reach out your Regional Immunization Consultant or the consultant on call.

A February 2019 *Vaccine* article titled, "A pathway to developing and testing quality measures aimed at improving adult vaccination rates in the United States," documents the steps taken by the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit to develop and test two new adult immunization quality performance measures for 2019 HEDIS. As payment for health services shifts from fee-for-service models to value-based purchasing, it is important to include adult immunizations in measures to track performance. With these two new adult immunization measures available for adoption, insurance and provider programs and payment models can use these measures to support smarter spending in prevention and to improve adult immunization toward healthier outcomes.



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Requirements Posted

2019—2020 School and Daycare Immunization Requirements

The **KANSAS SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT (Kindergarten-12th Grade)** and **KANSAS LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS OPERATED BY SCHOOLS IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT** memos for the 2019 – 2020 school year are now posted. The Kansas Certificate of Immunizations (KCI) is being updated in KS WebIZ as well in the Kansas Vaccines For Children (VFC) health educational material on-line ordering site and will be available soon.

The memos have been posted on our school immunization information website located by clicking here: <http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/schoolinfo.htm>

Please note that there are two provisional requirements listed on the K-12 memo.

K.A.R. 28-1-20 is currently in the final stages of revision which is expected to be finalized prior to the start of the school year. In addition to previous requirements, the revised regulation will require:

Hepatitis A: Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12 months with a minimum interval of 6 months between the 1st and 2nd dose.

Meningococcal (Serogroup A,C,W,Y): Two doses required. Doses should be given at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years) and 11th grade (16-18 years). For children 16-18 years, only one dose is required.

Vaccine Redistribution

Please email any additions or changes to be made on the Vaccine Redistribution lists with subject matter "Redistribution" to kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov or call toll free at 1-877-296-0464 [Vaccine Redistribution information and lists.](#)

REMINDERS: Providers may place the excess doses on the KIP Redistribution list if:

1. The vaccine has a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 365 days before the vaccine's expiration date.
2. The ordering provider is responsible for any doses which expire on the redistribution list that have not been accepted for transfer to another VFC provider.
3. Providers accepting vaccine from the redistribution list are responsible for using the doses once they are transferred. KIP encourages providers to accept only doses they can administer before the expiration date.
4. The transferring and receiving provider will document these doses on their monthly reconciliation reports as transferred vaccines.
5. Once vaccine is transferred please contact KIP to let us know so we can adjust the redistribution list by either deleting the line or by reducing the amount of doses.
6. All vaccines must be in full boxes.
7. The KIP Regional Immunization Consultant who is on call must be contacted prior to transferring vaccine.
8. Providers are responsible for keeping KIP notified if there is a change in amount of doses available for redistribution.
9. When placing an order, you may be contacted if the vaccine you are trying to order is on the redistribution list.
10. Varicella and Proquad will not be posted on the VFC or Private Vaccine Redistribution List. Frozen Varivax vaccines are very intolerant to out of range temperatures. To prevent potential vaccine waste the KIP requests that Varivax containing vaccines not be transferred to other providers.



INJECTION OF EDUCATION

Adult vaccination rates are much lower than adolescent and childhood vaccination rates. So how can we encourage adult patients to take an interest in their immunization status? The best way is to provide a strong vaccine recommendation. Although a provider or nursing staff member may be the one offering the recommendation, this message needs to be consistent from check-in through check-out. Cultivating a pro-vaccine culture throughout the office shows patients that you feel strongly about providing immunizations and that everyone in your office shares this sentiment.

Patients often spend time in the waiting room and the exam room. How about leaving some vaccine literature laying around for them to pick up and review? Below are some handouts that could be printed and strategically placed throughout the waiting room and exam rooms. If you happen to see that they are reading the handouts, start the conversation about what vaccines may be needed.

The Immunization Action Coalition's [Which Vaccines Do I Need Today?](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Information Series for Adults Vaccines Know what you need](#)

The CDC's [Information Series for Adults 3 Important Reasons for Adults to Get Vaccinated](#)

The Immunization Action Coalition also has a question and answer series on diseases and vaccines in easy to read form found here: <http://www.immunize.org/handouts/adult-vaccination.asp#vaccinesummaries>

Influenza Surveillance



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The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites continue to monitor patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. During the week ending February 16th, ILINet sites reported 5.2% of visits were due to ILI. Syndromic surveillance indicated 5.9% of visits to emergency departments in Kansas were due to ILI. All data is subject to change. Influenza A/H3 activity has increased in Kansas during the past few weeks. The Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL) has detected A/H1 in 38 specimens, A/H3 in 31 specimens, and influenza A (not subtyped) in three specimens. Sixteen influenza outbreaks have been reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment this season. As a reminder, outbreaks of any disease are reportable and should be reported to the epidemiology hotline at (877) 427-7317. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.

Please watch for many announcements related to the **2019 Kansas Immunization Conference** in the coming issues of *What's Happening Wednesday*. Make plans now to be in Salina June 11—13, 2019 for another informative annual conference.



Vax Facts

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Kansas Immunization Program— Knowledge Injection Series (KIP-KIS) Follow Up Resources

During the recent Kansas Immunization Program – Knowledge Injection Webinar Series (KIP-KIS), Barbara Pahud, M.D. spoke on “Vaccine Hesitancy – How to Talk to Parents so They Will Listen, and Listen so Parents Will Talk.” Our society relies heavily on the internet and social media for answers to our questions, but as Dr. Pahud pointed out in her presentation, not all internet sources are credible. Dr. Pahud has shared some of her favorite resources below. Be sure to mark on your calendar that the KIP-KIS webinars will be every 3rd Thursday from 12-1 p.m.

- National Conference of State Legislatures web page re: states’ exemption status: <http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/school-immunization-exemption-state-laws.aspx>
- CDC’s AFIX program: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/afix/index.html>
- Refusal to Vaccinate form: https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/immunization_refusaltovaccinate.pdf
- Real-life accounts of persons who have suffered or died as a result of vaccine-preventable diseases: <http://www.immunize.org/reports>
<http://www.voicesforvaccines.org>
- CDC resources for vaccine conversations with parents: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/conversations/>
- AAP position statement *Countering Vaccine Hesitancy*: <http://bit.ly/2tZTts4>
- AAP webpage titled *Communicating with Families*: <http://bit.ly/14INSM5>
- AAP webpage titled *Refusal to Vaccinate*: <http://bit.ly/2jxvugX>
- CDC fact sheets on vaccine-preventable diseases: <http://1.usa.gov/1ikef0l>
- CDC 2-pager titled “If you Choose Not to Vaccinate Your Child, Understand the Risks and Responsibilities”: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/patient-ed/conversations/downloads/not-vacc-risks-color-office.pdf>
- Various handouts from the Immunization Action Coalition: <http://bit.ly/1LoOmmS>
- American Academy of Pediatrics <http://www.aap.org>
- Vaccinate Your Family (The Next Generation of Every Child By Two) <http://www.ecbt.org>
- Immunization Action Coalition <http://www.immunize.org>; <http://www.vaccineinformation.org>
- Institute for Vaccine Safety, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health <http://www.vaccinesafety.edu>
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners <http://www.napnap.org>

Plan Now

National Infant Immunization Week

April 27—May 4, 2019